

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1.-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently amended) A method for producing optically active cyanohydrin comprising  
(a) obtaining a modified S-hydroxynitrile lyase,

wherein the modified S-hydroxynitrile lyase comprises an amino acid sequence having at least one amino acid substitution in the helix [[D3]] D3' region from position 163 to 174 of SEQ ID NO:2;

(b) adding the modified S-hydroxynitrile lyase to a carbonyl compound and cyanide; and

(c) producing optically active cyanohydrin.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the modified S-hydroxynitrile lyase comprises an amino acid sequence having an amino acid substitution at position 165 and/or position 173 of SEQ ID NO: 2.

14. (Previously presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the modified S-hydroxynitrile lyase comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 8.

15. (Previously presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the modified S-hydroxynitrile lyase comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 16.

16. (Previously presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the modified S-hydroxynitrile lyase comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 32.